

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A ~~treatment for a packaged method of treating a food product, said method~~ comprising the steps of forming a package of said food product and covering said food product with a micro-perforated covering, filling a container with a gas selected from the group consisting of CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> and CO in a confined container; placing said food product into said confined container; and introducing a halogen cuprous compound into said confined container for absorbing carbon monoxide from said food product.

2. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said compound is comprised of cuprous chloride.

3. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said compound is comprised of cuprous bromide.

4. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said compound is comprised of cuprous sulfate.

5. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said compound is comprised of cuprous aluminum tri-chloride.

6. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said compound is comprised of cuprous aluminum tetra-chloride.

7. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said compound is comprised of cuprous aluminum tri-bromide.

8. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said compound is comprised of cuprous aluminum tetra-bromide.

9. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said compound is contained in a sachet for avoiding contact with said food product.

10. (Currently amended) The method as defined in claim 1 further comprising the step of placing an oxygen absorber in said ~~confined~~ container.

11. (Currently amended) The method as defined in claim 10 wherein said oxygen absorber is ~~contained~~ placed in a sachet for avoiding contact with said food product.

12. (New) The method as defined in claim 11 wherein said cuprous compound is placed in said sachet.

13. (New) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said food product is a meat product.

14. (New) The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said container is a barrier bag and is used during transport of said food product.